

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated February 8, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 9-12 as anticipated by Lytle in US Patent 6,492,834. The Examiner also indicated that claims 1-8 and 14-21 were allowable, and claim 13 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 9 has been amended. Claims 1-21 remain at issue.

The Art Rejection

The Applicants' have amended claim 9 to include subject matter the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Dependent claims 10-12, although patentable in their own right, are allowable based on their dependency on claim 9.

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now allowable and that this case is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ALTRP190).

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